

## **Village Connect**

**Electronic Newsletter** 

"To Provide a Safe, Quality Community Environment for all Islanders through Responsible Government"

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Dates: Mar. 23 Apr. 4, 2010

## Art in Public Places Board Meeting

Date: Mar. 23, 2010 Time: 1:30 pm Place: BZP Conference Room, Village Hall

## Youth Athletics Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Mar. 24, 2010 Time: 6:30 pm Place: Council Chamber

## Pension Board Meeting

Date: Mar. 25, 2010 Time: 5:30 pm Place: Council Chamber

#### Movies on the Green

Date: Mar. 26, 2010 Time: 8:00 pm Place: Village Green

## 20th Annual Spring Egg Hunt

Date: Mar. 27, 2010 Time: 9:30 am sharp!

Place: Village Green

#### March 2010

#### "Get To Know..."

Click on the link below to watch an interview with Councilmember Robert Gusman

View Interview with Councilmember Gusman

### A Message from the Village Manager

In this fifth issue we continue our "Get to Know...." feature. Take the opportunity and get to know your elected officials by watching the video interview with Councilmember Robert Gusman. Other interviews will be forthcoming.

## Sony Ericsson Open Tennis Shuttle Returns

According to tournament officials, the Key Biscayne tennis shuttle provided by the organizers will begin service on Wednesday, March 23 at 8:00 am and continue until one hour after the last match of the day. The service will run through Sunday, April 4, the last day of the tournament.



Pick-up and drop-off will be at bus stops and shelters along the Crandon Boulevard Metrobus "B" route. Look for the white vans with "tennis shuttle" signs in the window.

#### Residents Should Fill-Out 2010 Census Forms

Residents are encouraged to complete the recently delivered 2010 Census forms to provide an accurate and important count of the Village population. According to the <a href="official Census website">official Census website</a>, the count could determine future eligibility to apply for some of the \$400 billion of federal funding spent each year on infrastructure and services. Census information also affects the number of seats Florida has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census representatives will be available to assist residents with questions from March 19 through April 19 at the Mayor/Council Office on the 2nd floor of Village Hall (Room 200). Hours are from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Mondays to Fridays, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm on Saturdays, and 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm on Sundays.

## Water-Sewer-Reuse Project Update

Progress Meetings were discontinued earlier this month upon completion of construction and roadway restoration. Project officials walked through the project area and identified deficiencies and repairs that need to be made (ex. driveways, swales). These punch list items will be addressed in bi-weekly technical meetings at Village Hall. Water service to all homes is now from the new ductile iron pipes. Residents can hook up to sewer in most of Zone 1, Zone 4 and Phase 1 of Zone 2/3 as these areas have been conveyed to the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department. Sewer certification continues in Phase 2 and Phase 3 areas of Zone 2/3. These property owners should be able to connect to sewer in April 2010. For maps of the Zones and Phases, sewer hook-up guidelines and contact information should you have questions or complaints, visit the WSR News article at the Village website.

## Sign Up Now for Spring Break Camps!

Enroll your children now for the Community Center's Spring Camps 2010. Space is limited so register early. The choices are the Key Rat Camp from March 29 - April 2 (8:00 am - 3:00 pm) for youth in grades K-8, the Marine Biology Camp from March 29 - April 2 (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) for ages 8 to14 and Flag Football Camp from March

## Spring Break (Public Schools Closed) Date: Mar. 29 - Apr.

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#### K-8 Education Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Apr. 6, 2010 Time: 8:45 am Place: BZP Conference Room, Village Hall

## April Bulky Waste Pick-up Week

Dates: Apr. 12-16, 2010

## Village Council Meeting

Date: April 13, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm Place: Council Chamber

## 3rd Annual Electronics Recycling Drive

Date: April 17, 2010 Time: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Place: W. Enid Dr. between Village Hall and Winn-Dixie

### Baynanza Beach Clean-up

Date: April 17, 2010 Time: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Place: Multiple Locations

#### Village Council Meeting (Zoning)

Date: April 27, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm Place: Council Chamber

## K-8 Education Advisory Board Meeting

Date: May 4, 2010 Time: 8:45 am Place: BZP Conference Room, Village Hall

#### Mother's Day Brunch

Date: May 6, 2010 Time: noon Place: Community Center

## May Bulky Waste Pick-up Week Dates: May 10-14,

Village Council Meeting

2010

Date: May 11, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm 29 - April 2 and April 5 - April 9 (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) for ages 5 to 14 . For registration costs and information specific to each camp, visit the <u>Community Center website</u>, or call (305) 365-8900.

## **Key Biscayne Firefighter Speaks of Haiti Rescues**

Within hours of the catastrophic earthquake that devastated Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, in early January, Lieutenant Dan Feeney of the Village Fire Rescue Department reported to the designated point of departure to begin the most



challenging and memorable search and rescue mission of his

Lt. Feeney has been with the Department since its inception in 1993 and has been a member of FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue program since 1995. Feeney was activated for Hurricanes Opal and Katrina and pre-staged as a standby resource for the 1998 Atlanta Olympics and New York City after September 11, 2001. Follow the Village website link to read about <a href="Lt. Feeney's thoughts">Lt. Feeney's thoughts and observations in his own words.</a>

## **Council Approves Golf Cart Regulations**



The Golf Cart Plan developed by the Golf Cart Safety Board, appointed by the Village Council in March 2009, was approved by Council on September 1, 2009. The Board recommended the safe use of golf carts and that golf carts should be able to access shopping centers from Fernwood Road. This would require openings in

the walls along private properties bordering Fernwood to permit a pathway to each shopping center.

On February 23, 2010, the Village Council approved an ordinance that addressed public safety and zoning regulations as recommended in the Golf Cart Plan. Safety regulations include golf cart inspection by and registration with the Police Department, and the placement of a decal that includes registration information. Zoning regulations require the placement of golf cart parking spaces in shopping centers.

# New Solid Waste/Recycling Contractor Will Begin Service on March 29

The Village Council, at its March 16, 2010 meeting, awarded the new solid waste/recycling contract for single-family and duplex homes to Choice Waste and Recycling Services, the lowest bidder. General service will remain the same with several upgrades.



Side/back yard pick-up will be expanded to garbage, recycling and yard trash. Homeowners are not required to provide access for this option and they can bring the cans curbside if desired. By the end of May Choice will provide residents with a wheeled 64-gallon container for recyclables to replace the bags used by the previous contractor. It is hoped these enhancements will increase residents' recycling efforts and lower the Village's waste disposal costs as more items will be removed from the solid waste stream and recycled. If you run out of bags before then, send an email request to Public Works at <a href="madominguez@keybiscayne.fl.gov">madominguez@keybiscayne.fl.gov</a> or call 305-365-8945. Pick-up days will follow the <a href="madominguez@keybiscayne.fl.gov">current schedule</a> for recycling, regular trash, and yard trash. For bulk trash, residents are advised to keep following the <a href="madominguez@keybiscayne.fl.gov">color coded map dates</a> available at the Village website until Choice provides an updated map.

## **Dumpster Schedule**

The dumpster in the Public Works yard at 530 Crandon Boulevard is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Weekday hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The following items are accepted: vegetation, white goods, furniture, and other personal items from the home and garden.

**Key Biscayne Police Introduce TAKE 25 Campaign** 

Place: Council Chamber

## Village Council Meeting (Zoning)

Date: May 25, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm Place: Council Chamber

#### Pension Board Meeting

Date: May 27, 2010 Time: 5:30 pm Place: Council Chamber

More information on these events is available at the Village website Event Calendar

#### **Contact Information**

Village Manager (305) 365-8919

Village Clerk (305) 365-5506

## Public Works

(305) 365-8945

## Police

(305) 365-5555

#### Fire

(305) 365-8989

## Community Center (305) 365-8900

Building, Zoning, and Planning

(305) 365-5512

### Village Hall

88 West McIntyre Street Key Biscayne, Florida 33149 www.keybiscayne.fl.gov Take 25 is a national child safety campaign that encourages parents, guardians, and other trusted adult role models to spend time talking to kids and teaching them ways to be safer. Take 25 began as a commemoration of National Missing Children's Day on May 25th. The program recommends that parents and guardians spend as much time as possible talking to their children, setting appropriate limits, and helping them make good choices.

Please visit <a href="www.Take25.org">www.Take25.org</a> for information on the campaign and important resources such as age-appropriate conversation starters, safety tips, and much more. Officer Vicki Hernandez will be handing out Child I.D. Kits and visiting classrooms talking about both personal and internet safety in the coming weeks. She can be reached at (305) 365-5555 x1128 for further information.

## Learn More About Key Biscayne Public Art

The artworks sponsored by the <u>Art in Public Places Board</u> along Crandon Boulevard were favorably reviewed in the February 2010 issue of HOMEMiami magazine. The original pools by Sarah Morris at the Civic Center Oval Plaza were celebrated by Helen Kohen, the former art critic for the Miami Herald. Kohen also praised Jose Bedia's terrazzo plazas portraying barrier island fauna in his signature style that includes embedded text. The installations are at the intersections of Seaview, West Mashta and East Wood Drives. The online version of Ms. Kohen's article can be found at the <u>HOMEMiami website</u>, Free copies of the magazine can be found in bookstores around South Florida.

## **Village Department News You Can Use**

#### Building, Zoning and Planning:

A late fee of \$250 for Village businesses of professionals who have not yet paid or renewed their Local Tax Receipt is in effect as of March 1, 2010. Please contact (305) 365-7563 for more information.

#### Parks and Recreation:

Are you planning a celebration for someone special? Have your birthday party or event at the Community Center! Learn more about <u>birthday and other party rentals</u> at the Active Islander website.

### Public Works:

Residents are invited to dispose of old computers, electronics, batteries and fluorescent bulbs at the 3rd Annual Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. The drive-through drop-off location is along West Enid Drive between Village Hall and the Winn-Dixie. Lists of accepted and not accepted items are available at the Electronics Recycling Drive web news article.

### Police:

Residents are advised to allow extra time to reach off-island destinations, or to return to the Key, during the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament. Expect heavy traffic along the Rickenbacker Causeway/Crandon Boulevard during the weekends of March 27-28 and especially April 3-4 when the Miami Seaquarium hosts its Egg Hunt event.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Send an email to <a href="mailto:jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov">jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov</a>

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